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Invitation to Participate

Optometric Education Special Theme Issue

International Optometric Education: Global Expansion and Transformation

Over the past 20 years, the profession of optometry has undergone dramatic global changes: expanding scope of practice, increasing quality assurance expectations, significant diversification of its students, and the accelerating impact of information technology. Underpinning these changes has been the critical role of international optometric education in supporting and catalyzing this transformation. The same global forces that are driving the transformation of the profession are also creating challenges and opportunities for optometric educational institutions.

Student, faculty, patient, and institutional expectations are converging and greater accountability is expected. This includes such areas clinical competency, professional ethics, interprofessional collaboration, and curricular innovation. *Optometric Education* is pleased to devote a theme edition of the journal to “International Optometric Education: Global Expansion and Transformation.” Authors are invited to submit scholarly articles that address this theme and underscore the growing innovation and impact that educational institutions are having on their students, the profession, and the communities they serve. We encourage scholarly articles that are translational and promote global dissemination.

This theme issue builds on the work of the ASCO International Optometric Education (IOE) Committee and International Optometric Educators (IOE) Special Interest Group (SIG). We are pleased to have Dr. Anthony F. Di Stefano, tdistefano@salus.edu, of the Pennsylvania College of

Optometry at Salus University serve as the guest editor of this issue. For more information, please contact Dr. Aurora Denial, deniala@neco.edu.

Please, submit manuscripts March 1st, 2017. Submit the cover letter, intact and blind copies of the manuscripts with original figures electronically at submissions@opted.org. Please identify in the cover letter that the manuscript is intended for the International Optometric Theme edition of the journal.